



Vermont's Tuitioning System

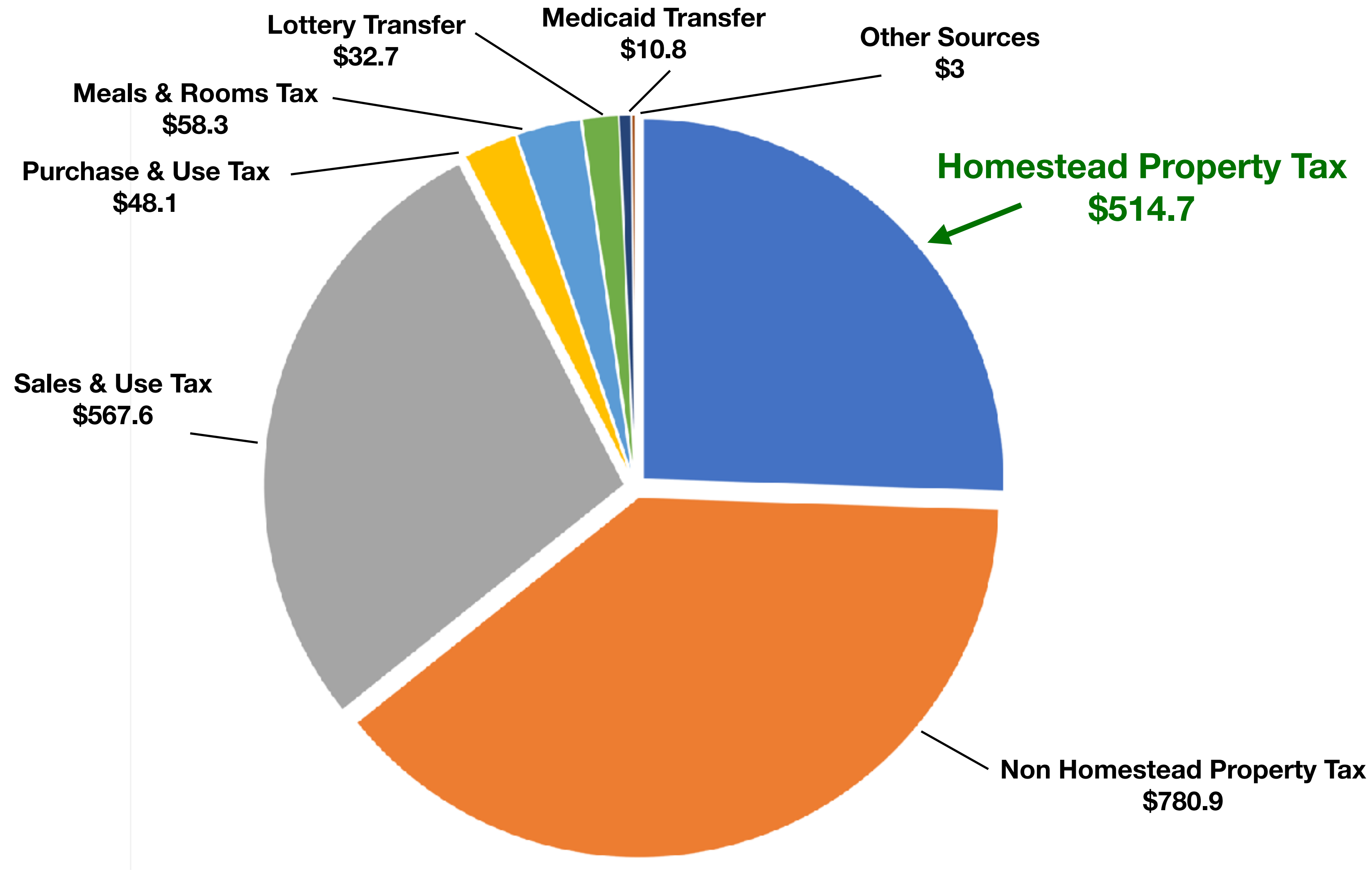
Financing



Vermont's Tuitioning System - Financing



The Vermont Education Fund





The Vermont Education Property Tax

Local districts determine spending

State required to fund education



The Vermont Education Property Tax

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \text{All Voter Approved Budgets} & \\ + & \text{Other Obligations (PCBs, School Lunch, etc.)} & \\ - & \text{Non Property Tax Revenue} & \\ \hline = & \text{Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes} & \end{array}$$



The Vermont Education Property Tax

$$\text{Property Tax Rate} = \text{Education Spending} \div \text{Number of pupils}$$



The Vermont Education Property Tax

Property Yield

The amount of per pupil spending that a \$1.00 tax rate will generate

$$\text{Local per pupil spending} \div \text{Property Yield Number} = \text{Nominal Tax Rate}$$



The Vermont Education Property Tax



Local spending per pupil

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Property Yield Number

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Nominal Tax Rate

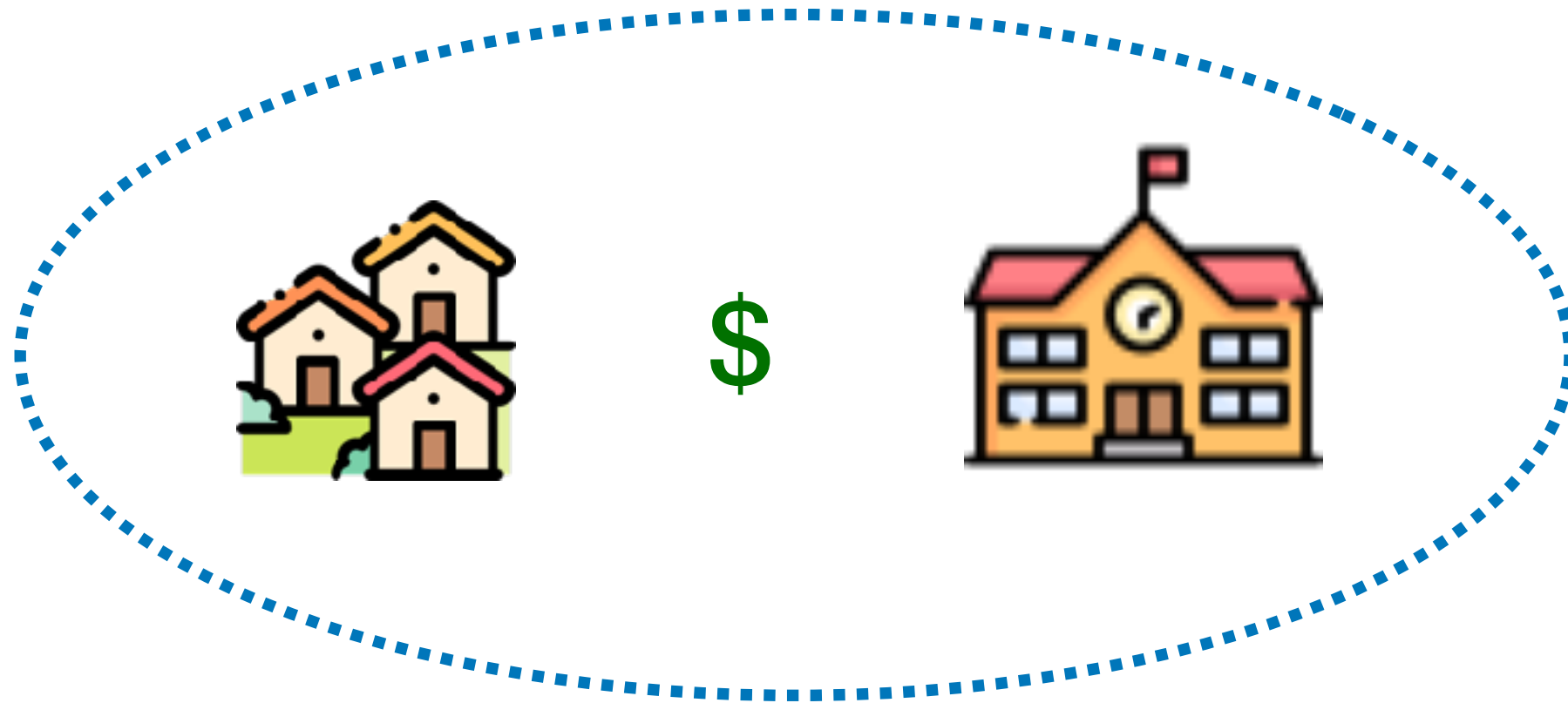


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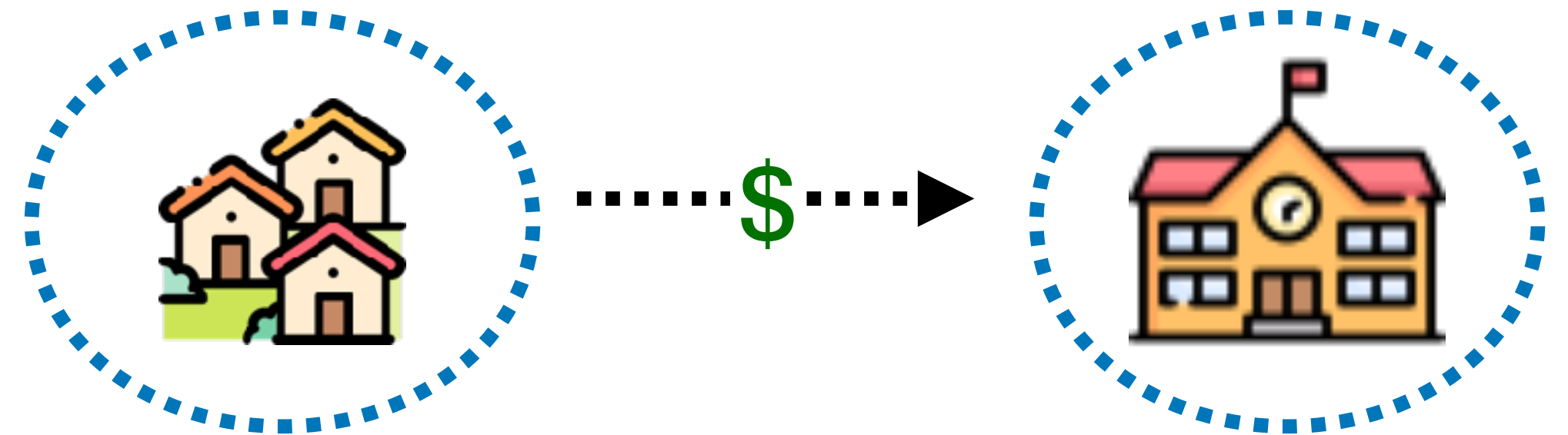
Local School Budgets

Operating Town



Expenditure Budget

Tuitioning Town



Expenditure Budget

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Tuition Costs



Tuitioning Costs

Public School in VT	Independent School in VT
The full tuition charged	Average announced tuition



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Tuitioning Costs 2022-23

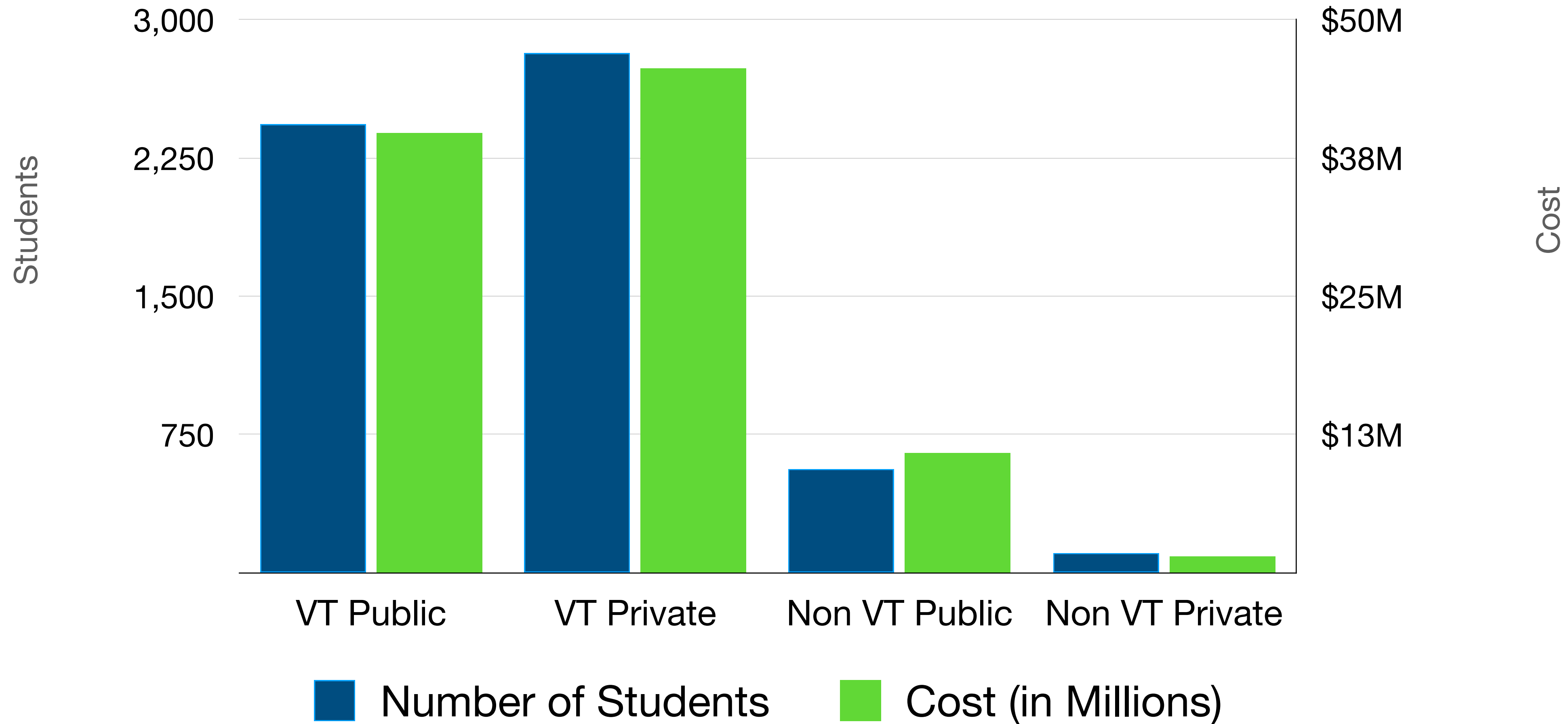
Average Announced Tuition K-6	\$16,020
Average Announced Tuition 7-12	\$17,278
Meets or 'Substantially Complies with' Education Quality Standards	\$18,500 (Sharon Academy)
State Approved Public School via Designation	\$20,963 (Thetford Academy)
Operates a Career and Tech Center	\$20,827 (Lyndon), \$20,855 (St. Johnsbury)
Electorate votes to approve a different amount	\$19,200 (Burr & Burton)



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Tuitioning Costs





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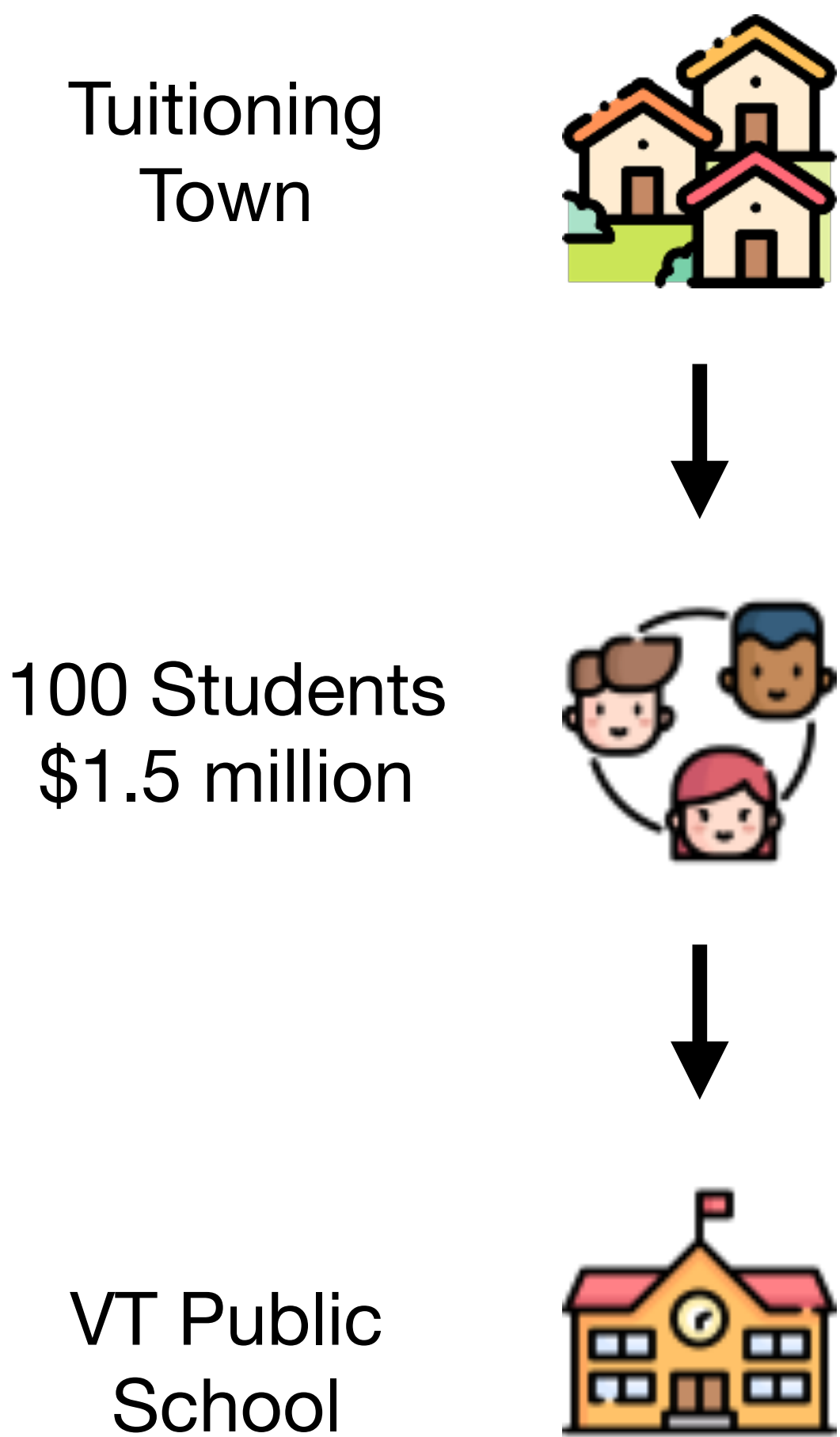
One of Vermont's independent schools is hiking its tuition. Could that spell trouble for local public schools?

By Peter D'Auria
Apr 21 2022

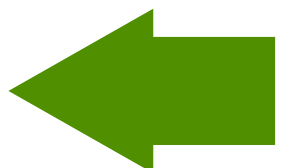
“I’m very concerned that this could result in significantly impacting our elementary school programming in a negative way,” Jamie Kinnarney, the superintendent of the White River Valley Supervisory Union, told state officials last fall in an email obtained through a public records request.



The Cost of Tuitioning

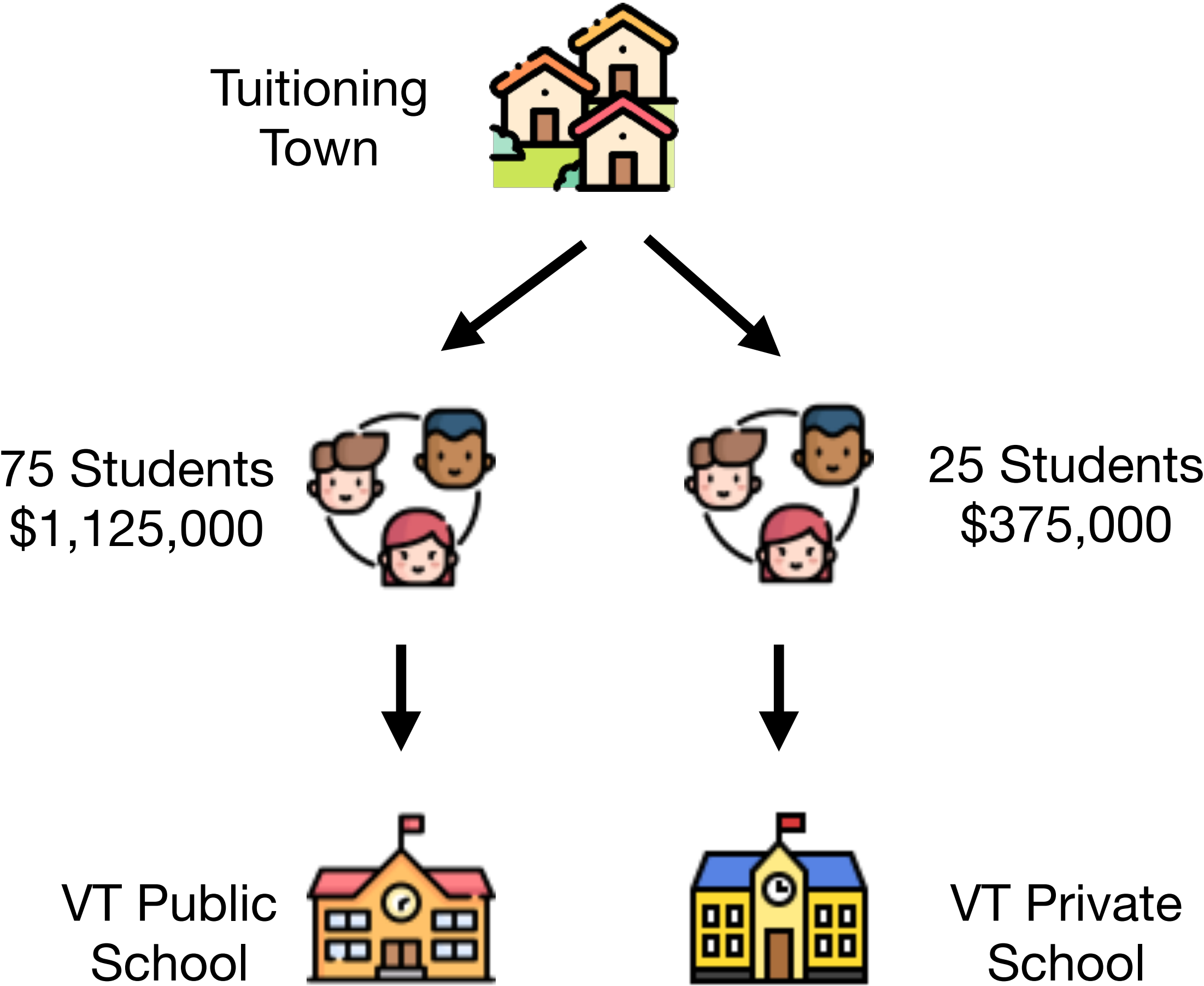


Public School	
Local Students	150
Tutioned Students	100
Total Students	250
Total Budget	\$3,750,000
Per Pupil Spending	\$15,000

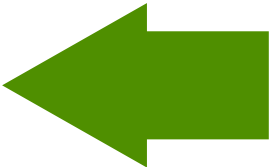




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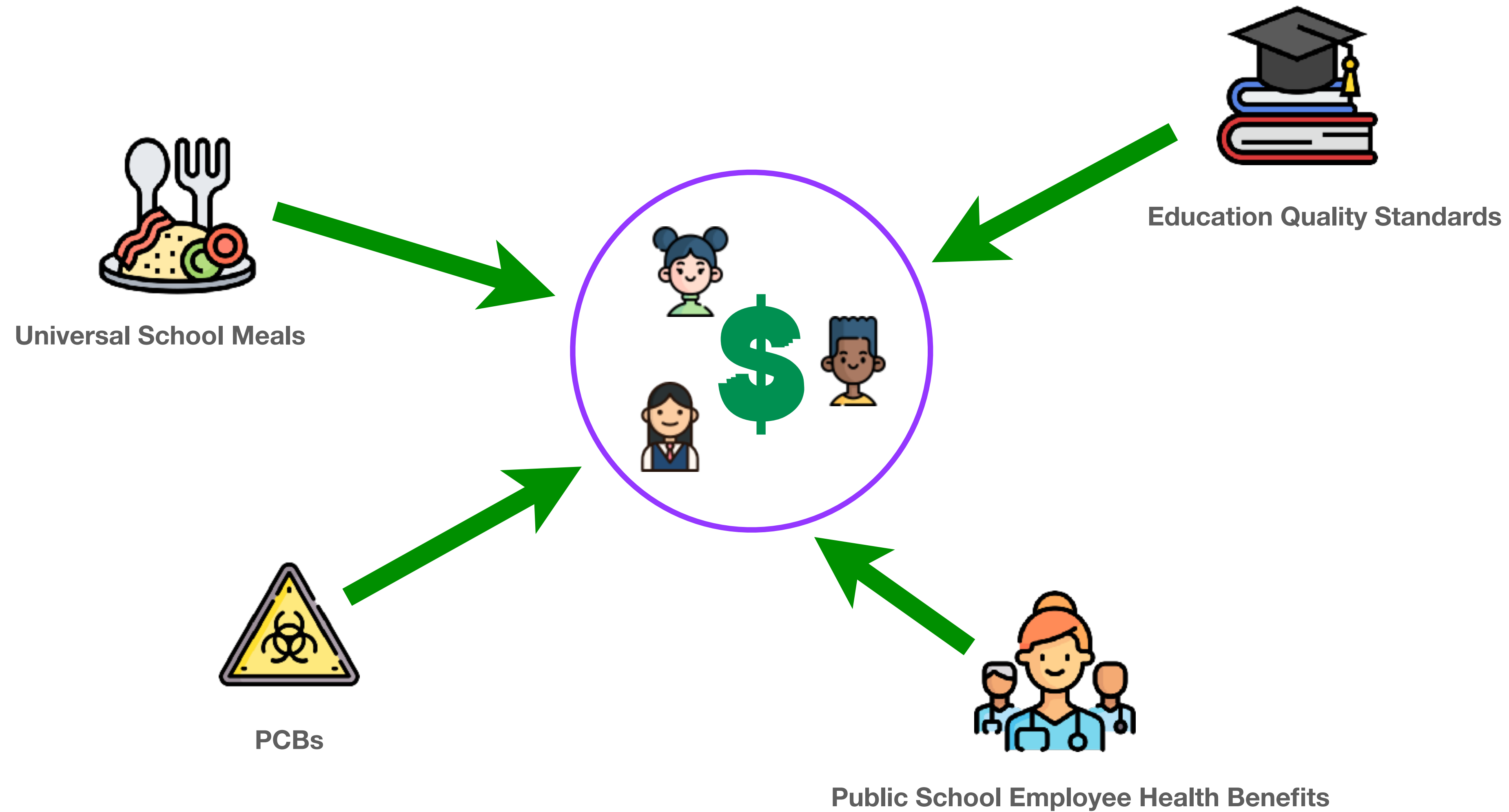


Public School	
Local Students	150
Tutioned Students	75
Total Students	225
Total Budget	\$3,750,000
Per Pupil Spending	\$16,667





The Cost of Tuitioning





Tuitioning and Tax Rate Pressures



Bennington Banner

March 6, 2018

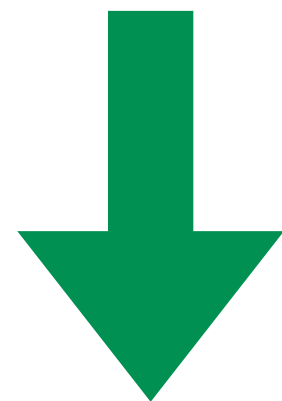
“what we're going to do is accept the state average tuition for Winhall students this year. We have never done this before, and we can never do it again.”

Seth Bongartz
President B&B Board of Trustees

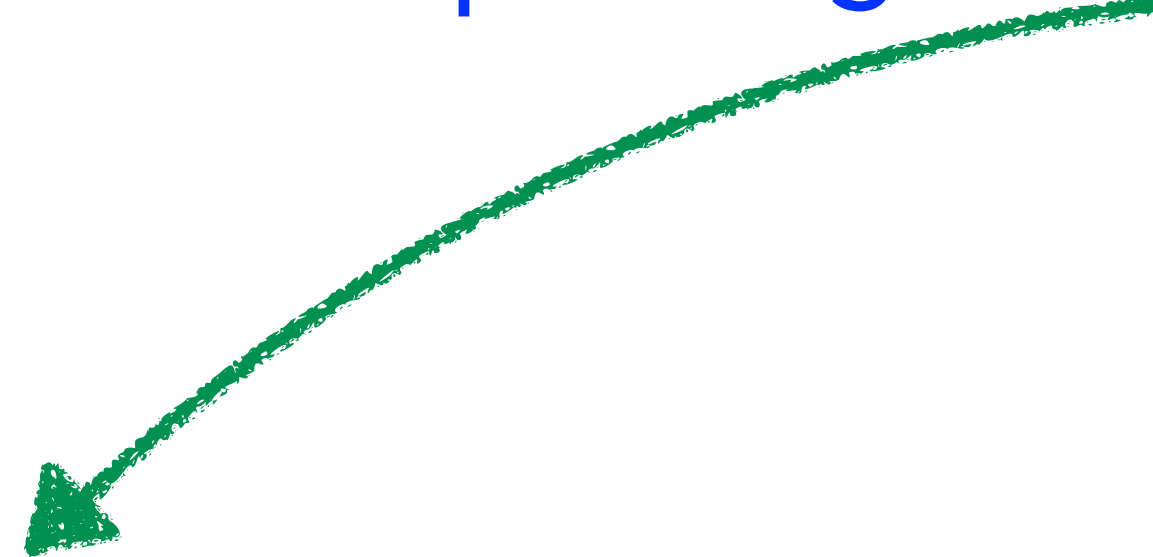


Tuitioning and Student Weighting

$$\text{Homestead Tax Rates} = \text{Net Education Spending} \div \text{Equalized Pupils}$$



students in poverty
students who are English language learners
students in secondary grades
students in small or rural schools





Tuitioning and Student Weighting

Public School Tuition Rate

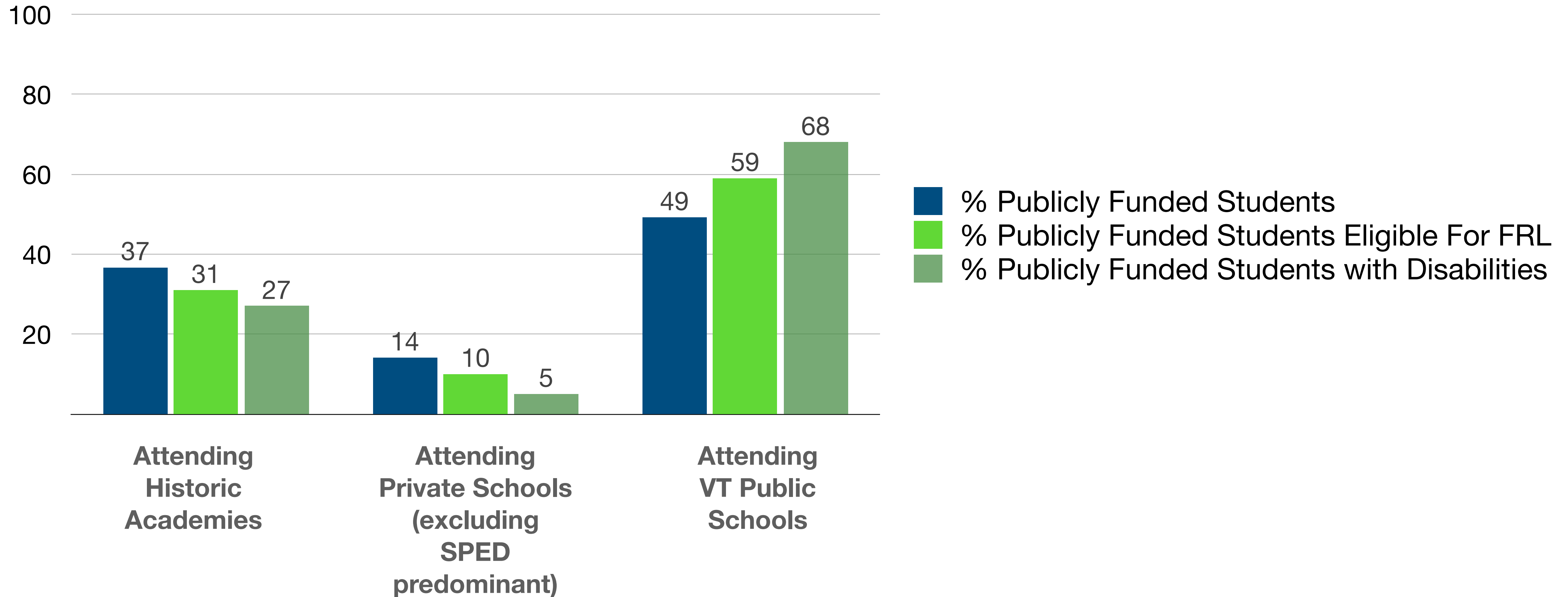
Private School Tuition Rate

Net Ed Spending per Equalized Pupil

State Average or Higher Amount



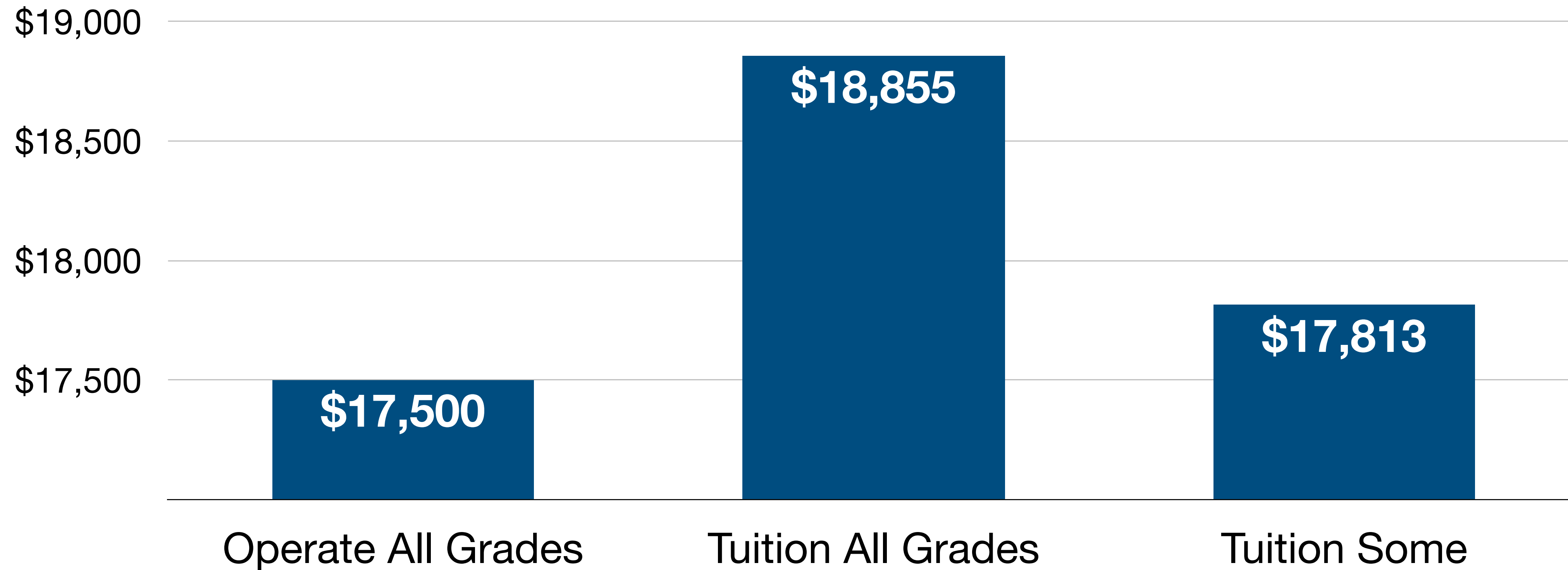
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Tuitioning and Education Spending Per Equalized Pupil

Agency of Education 2023 Data





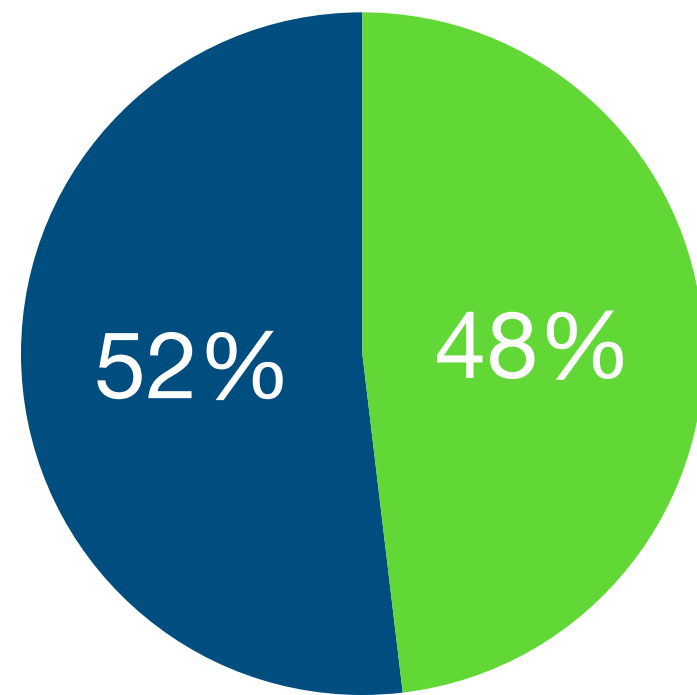
Tuitioning and Per Pupil Costs



Announced Elementary Tuition



Announced Secondary Tuition



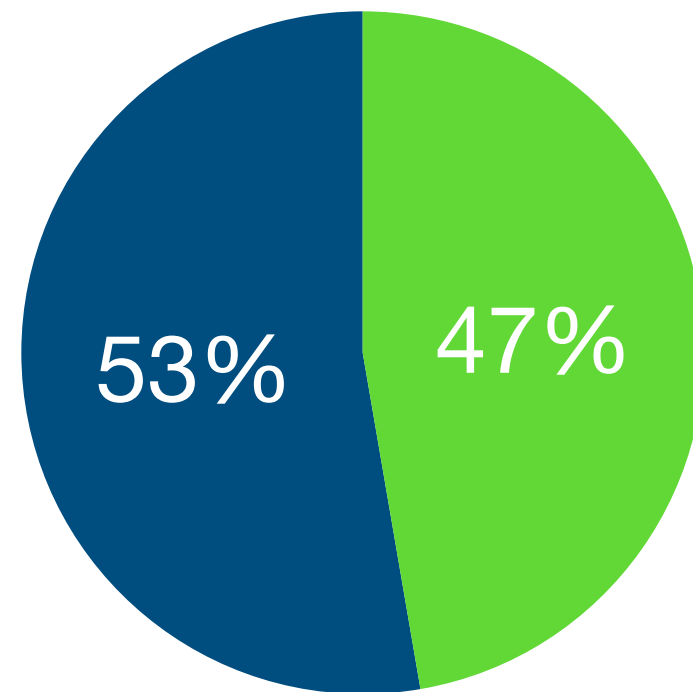
State

Elementary

\$16,020

Secondary

\$17,278



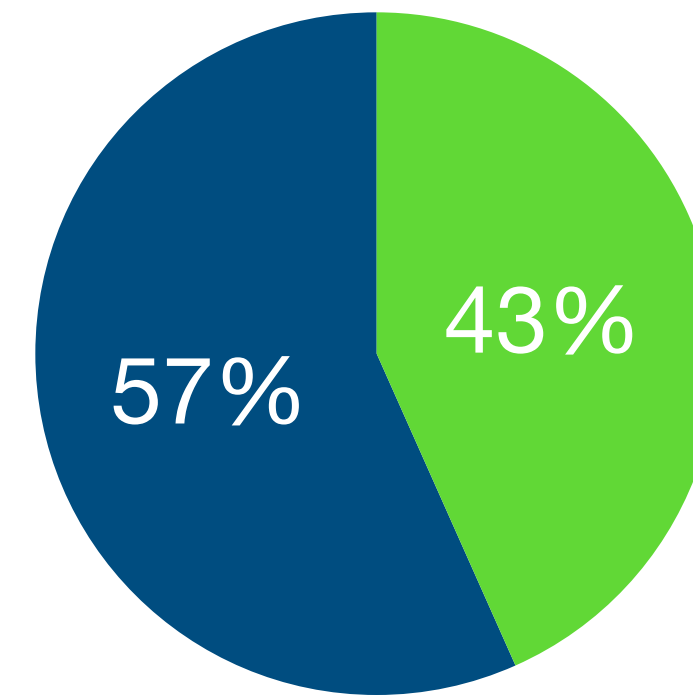
Danville

Elementary

\$16,150

Secondary

\$18,000



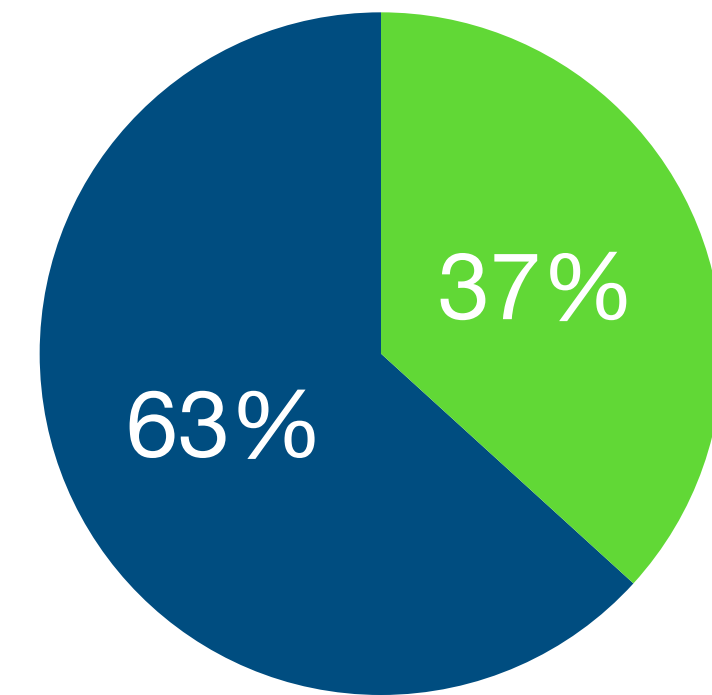
Orleans

Elementary

\$13,000

Secondary

\$17,000



St. Johnsbury

Elementary

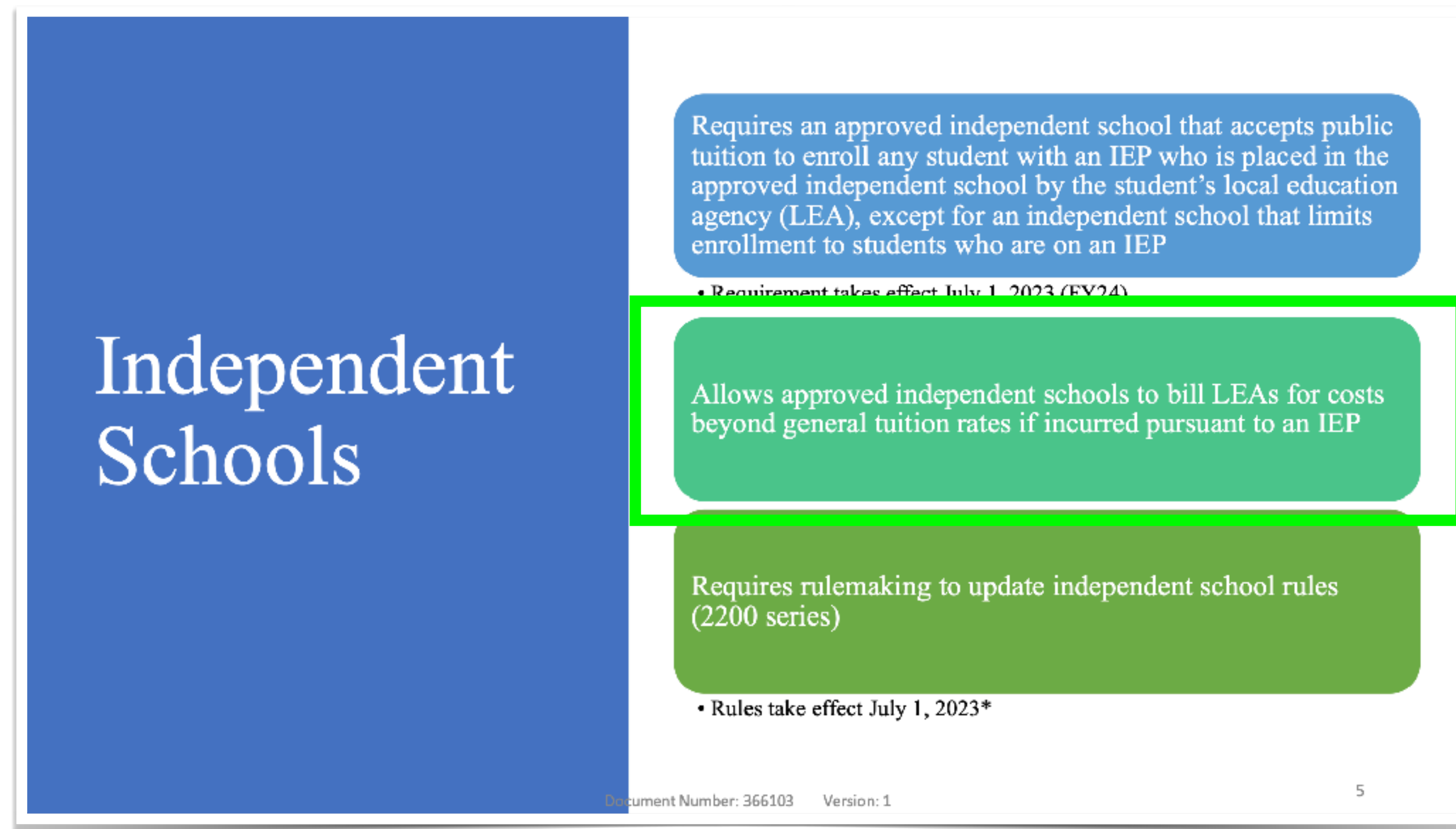
\$12,118

Secondary

\$20,855



Tuitioning and Special Education Funding



Beth St. James, Legislative Counsel - from Act 173 overview provided to House Education Committee on January 10, 2023



Tuitioning and Special Education Funding

Manchester Journal

December 1, 2020

“Act 173 calls on us to manage for receiving SPED funding for all of our PK-12 students under one methodology that applies to public schools,” the board said. “However, roughly one-third of our students attend independent schools which are not subject to the same rules for managing SPED costs. Therefore, **we are concerned that SPED expenditures for our 9-12 students will remain the same – putting excessive budget pressures on our PK-8 system.**”



Tuitioning and Excess Spending Threshold

Excess Spending Threshold

- 121% of the statewide average education spending per equalized pupil, increased by inflation
- School districts are double taxed on the amount above this threshold



Tuitioning and Excess Spending Threshold



Under Act 46's spending caps, school boards find building budgets frustrating

By **Tiffany Danitz Pache**

Nov 15 2015

“each \$800 increase in tuition per high school student will result in a \$510 decrease in what can be spent at the K-8 level”



Tuitioning and Excess Spending Threshold

- Tuition paid by a district that does not operate a school and pays tuition for all resident students in kindergarten through grade 12, except in a district in which the electorate has authorized payment of an amount higher than the statutory rate pursuant to subsection 823(b) or 824(c) of this title.
- Excess spending threshold currently suspended during the implementation of new pupil weights



Thank You



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